

CLAIMS

1. An animal habitat for use in a terrarium with at least one transparent side wall comprising,

5 a simulated rock having two portions that have corresponding faces that register with one another for visually creating an image of a single rock, each of said faces being flat for enabling the flat faces to be positioned in registration with one another on opposite sides of the terrarium transparent side wall,

10 a habitat cavity for one or more animals in the one portion of the rock to be placed inside the terrarium and with the cavity open to the flat face thereof for enabling a party outside the terrarium wall to view the cavity and any animals disposed therein when the flat face is disposed against the inside surface of that wall and the other portion of the rock is out of registration therewith so as not to block viewing of the cavity through said wall,

15 and magnetically attracting components disposed in each portion of the rock for releasably holding the two portions in registration with one another on opposite sides of the transparent side wall of the terrarium.

2. An animal habitat as described in claim 1 wherein,
20 an access to and from the cavity from outside the rock is provided in said one portion of the rock surface other than through the flat face thereof.

3. An animal habitat as described in claim 1 wherein,
the animal habitat is insulated to provide a habitat temperature cooler than the ambient temperature within the terrarium.

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4. An animal habitat as described in claim 1 wherein,
the moisture content of the air in the animal habitat can be increased by placing a moistened moss or substrate inside of the animal habitat.

30 5. An animal habitat as described in claim 1 wherein,
at least one of the magnetically attracting components is a magnet;

6. An animal habitat comprising,
a first body having a cavity therein for one or more animals and extending to a
first surface area of the body,
5 a passage in the body extending from the cavity to the surface of the body at a
location separate from the portion of the cavity extending to the first surface area,
a transparent closure covering the portion of the cavity extending to the first
surface area enabling animals in the cavity to be viewed,
and a second body having a surface complimentary to the first surface of the first
10 body for preventing viewing of the cavity when the complimentary surface of the two
bodies are brought into registration with one another.

7. An animal habitat as described in claim 6 wherein the two bodies when
oriented with their complimentary faces opposite one another visually form a unitary
15 structure.

8. An animal habitat as described in claim 7 wherein magnetic members are
disposed in each of the bodies for releasably holding them in registration with one
another.
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9. An animal habitat as described in claim 7 wherein the two bodies when
placed in registration with one another together define a rock-like structure.

10. An animal habitat as described in claim 6 wherein the passage is defined
25 in part by the first surface area of the first body.

11. An animal habitat as described in claim 6 wherein the complimentary
surfaces are planar surfaces.

30 12. An animal habitat as described in claim 11 wherein the complimentary
surfaces are of substantially the same size and shape.

13. An animal habitat as described in claim 12 wherein the magnetic members lie substantially in the surfaces of the bodies.

5 14. An animal habitat as described in claim 9 wherein the bodies together define a single rock-like structure.

15. An animal habitat as described in claim 12 wherein the passage is defined in part by the first surface area of the first body.

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16. An animal habitat as described in claim 14 wherein the complimentary surfaces are planar surfaces.

17. An animal habitat for use in an aquarium with at least one transparent side wall comprising,

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a simulated rock having two portions that have corresponding faces that register with one another for visually creating an image of a single rock, each of said faces being flat for enabling the flat faces to be positioned in registration with one another on opposite sides of the aquarium transparent side wall,

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a habitat cavity for one or more animals in the one portion of the rock to be placed inside the aquarium and with the cavity open to the flat face thereof for enabling a party outside the aquarium wall to view the cavity and any animals disposed therein when the flat face is disposed against the inside surface of that wall and the other portion of the rock is out of registration therewith so as not to block viewing of the cavity

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through said wall,

and magnetically attracting components disposed in each portion of the rock for releasably holding the two portions in registration with one another on opposite sides of the transparent side wall of the aquarium.